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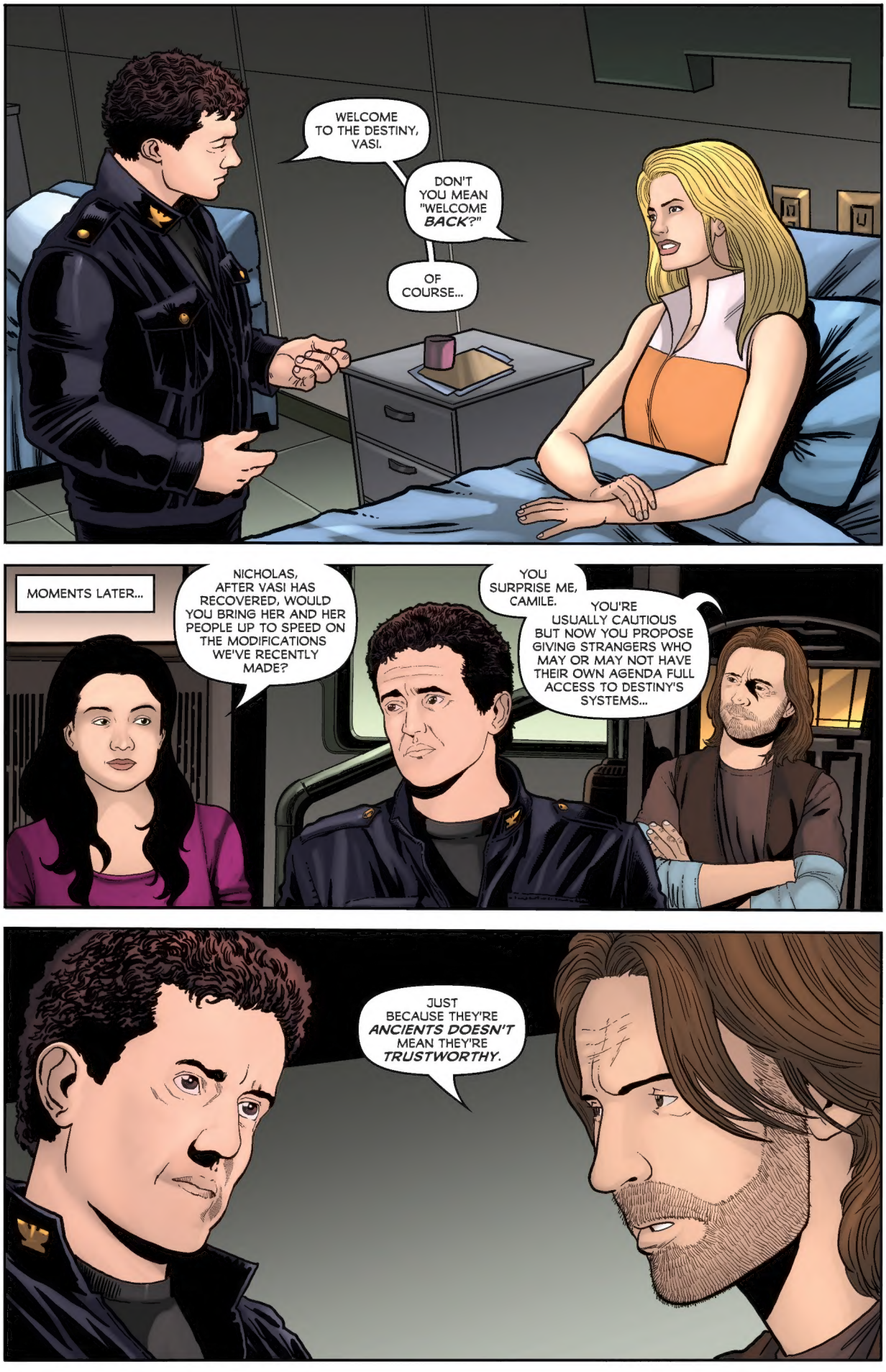
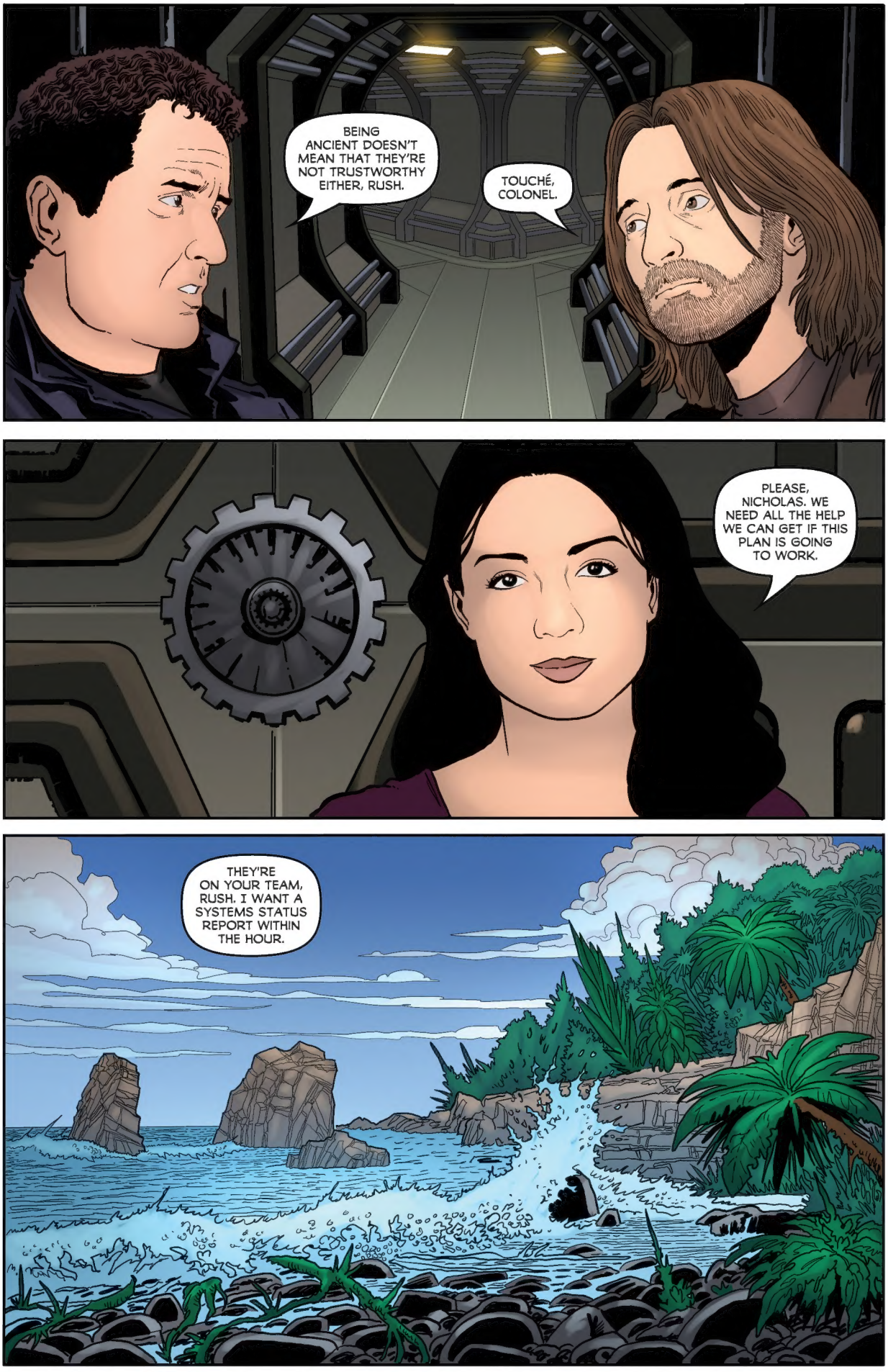
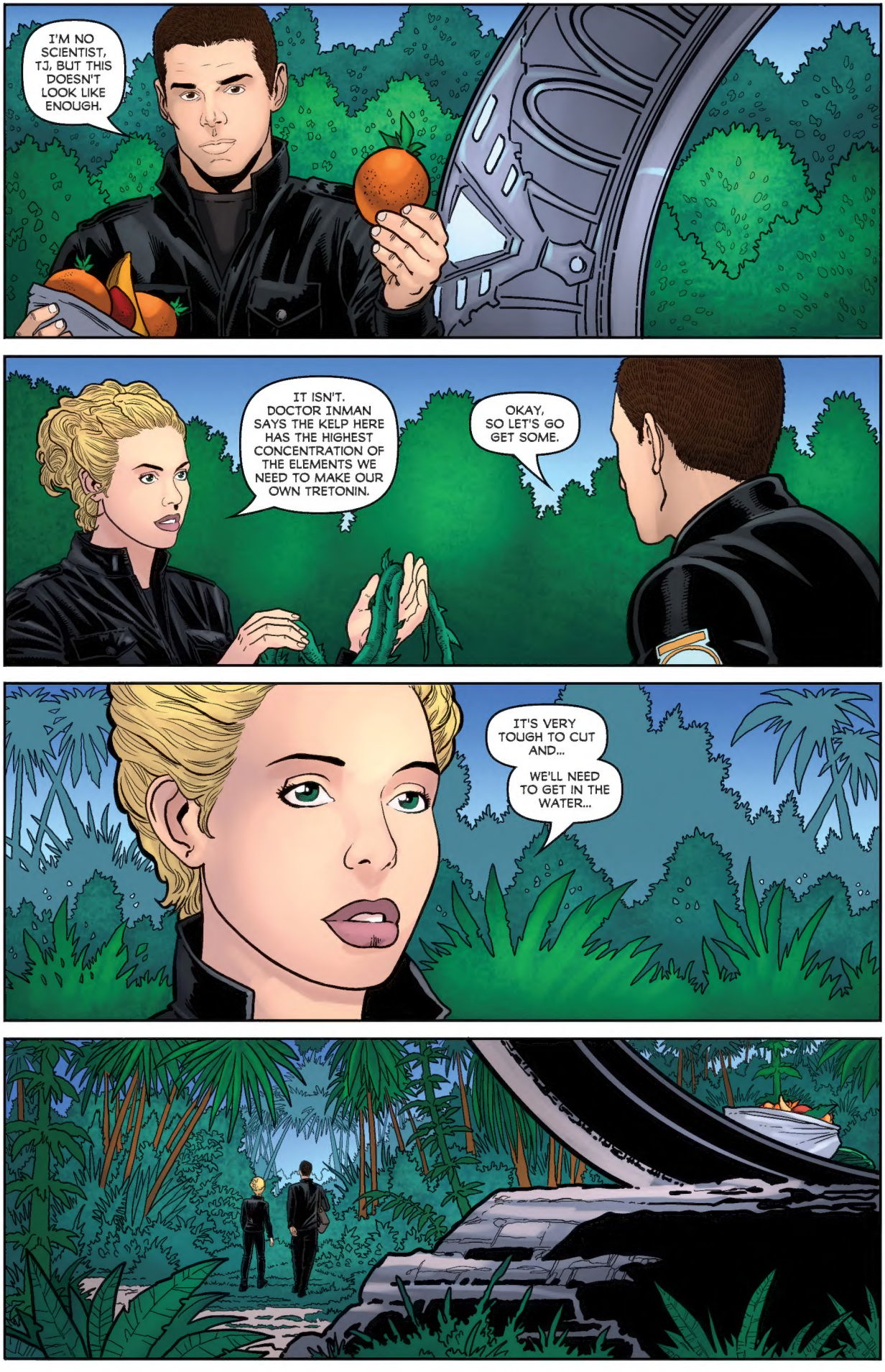
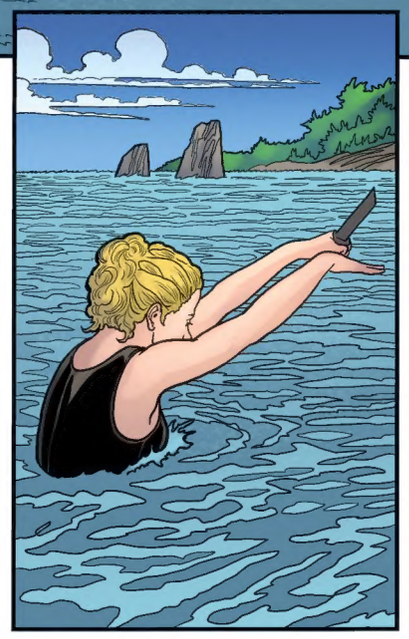
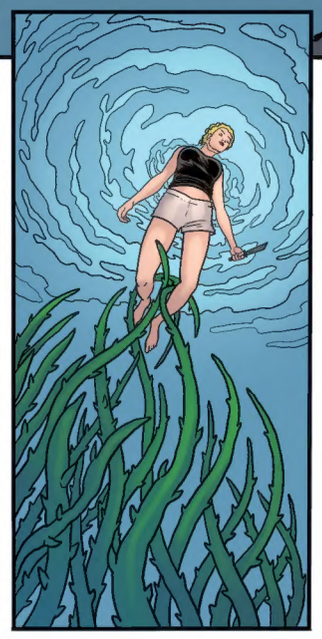
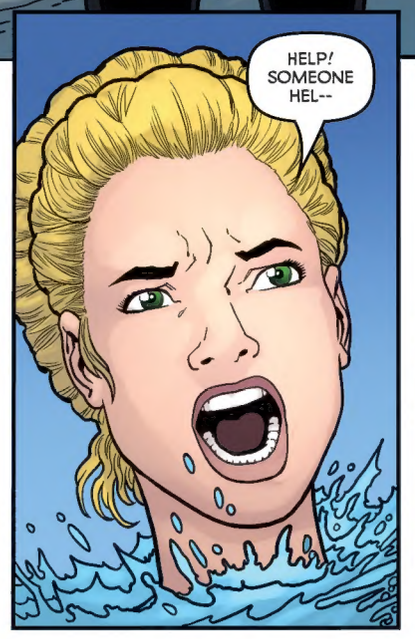

WELCOME TO THE DESTINY, VASI.
DON'T YOU MEAN "WELCOME *BACK*?"
OF COURSE...
MOMENTS LATER...
NICHOLAS, AFTER VASI HAS RECOVERED, WOULD YOU BRING HER AND HER PEOPLE UP TO SPEED ON THE MODIFICATIONS WE'VE RECENTLY MADE?
YOU SURPRISE ME, CAMILE.
YOU'RE USUALLY CAUTIOUS BUT NOW YOU PROPOSE GIVING STRANGERS WHO MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA FULL ACCESS TO DESTINY'S SYSTEMS...
JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE *ANCIENTS DOESN'T* MEAN THEY'RE *TRUSTWORTHY*.


BEING ANCIENT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY'RE NOT TRUSTWORTHY EITHER, RUSH.
TOUCHÉ, COLONEL.
PLEASE, NICHOLAS. WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET IF THIS PLAN IS GOING TO WORK.
THEY'RE ON YOUR TEAM, RUSH. I WANT A SYSTEMS STATUS REPORT WITHIN THE HOUR.


I'M NO SCIENTIST, TJ, BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ENOUGH.
IT ISN'T. DOCTOR INMAN SAYS THE KELP HERE HAS THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF THE ELEMENTS WE NEED TO MAKE OUR OWN TRETONIN.
OKAY, SO LET'S GO GET SOME.
IT'S VERY TOUGH TO CUT AND...
WE'LL NEED TO GET IN THE WATER...



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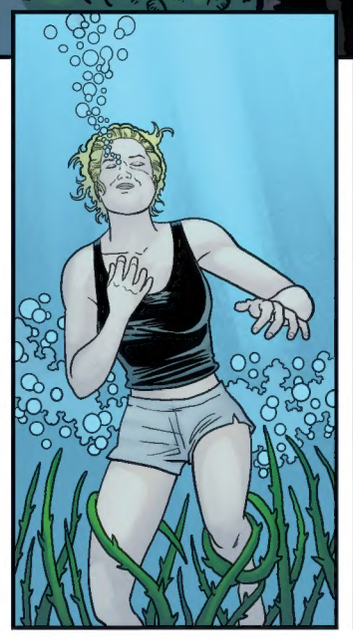
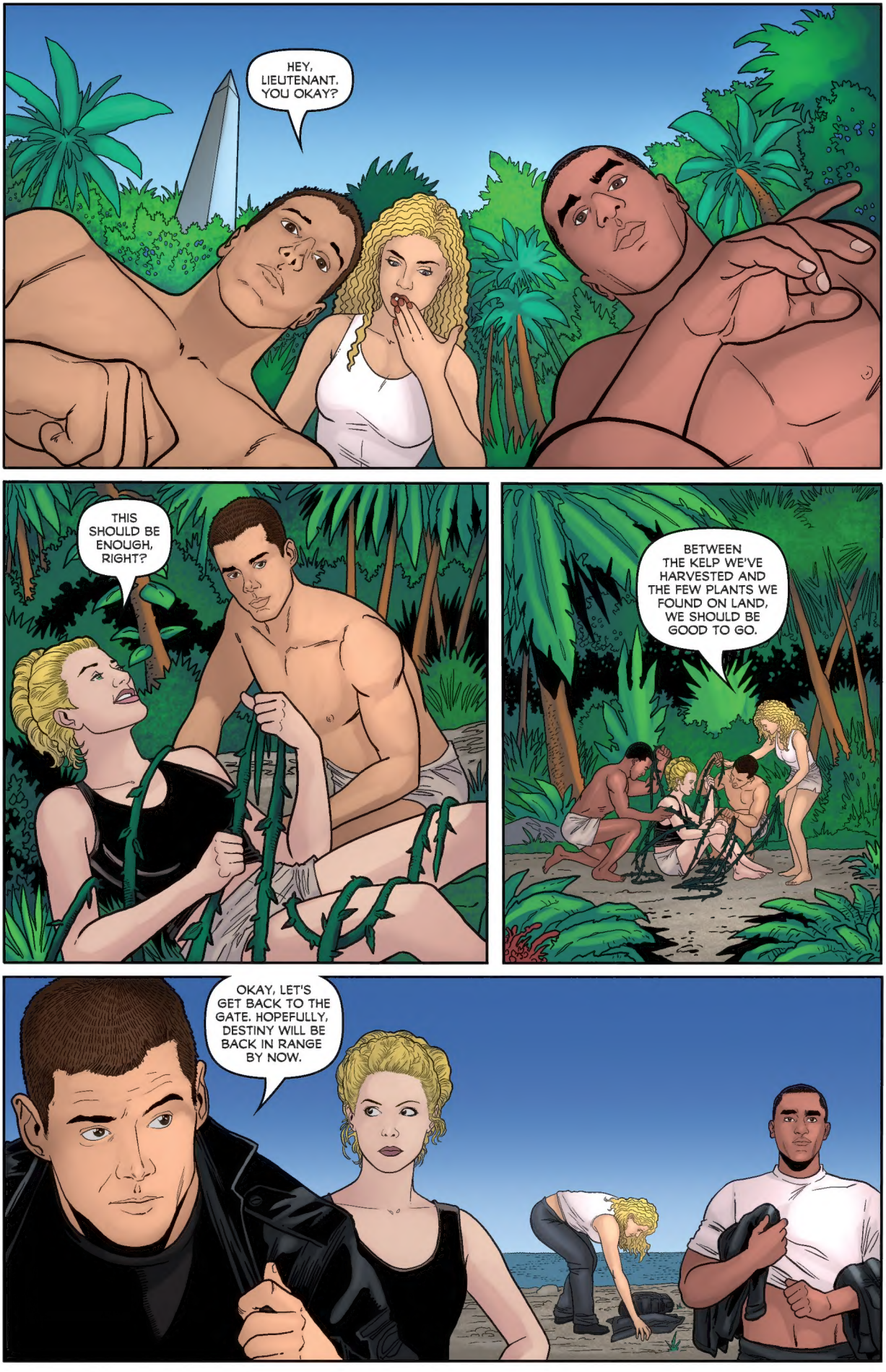
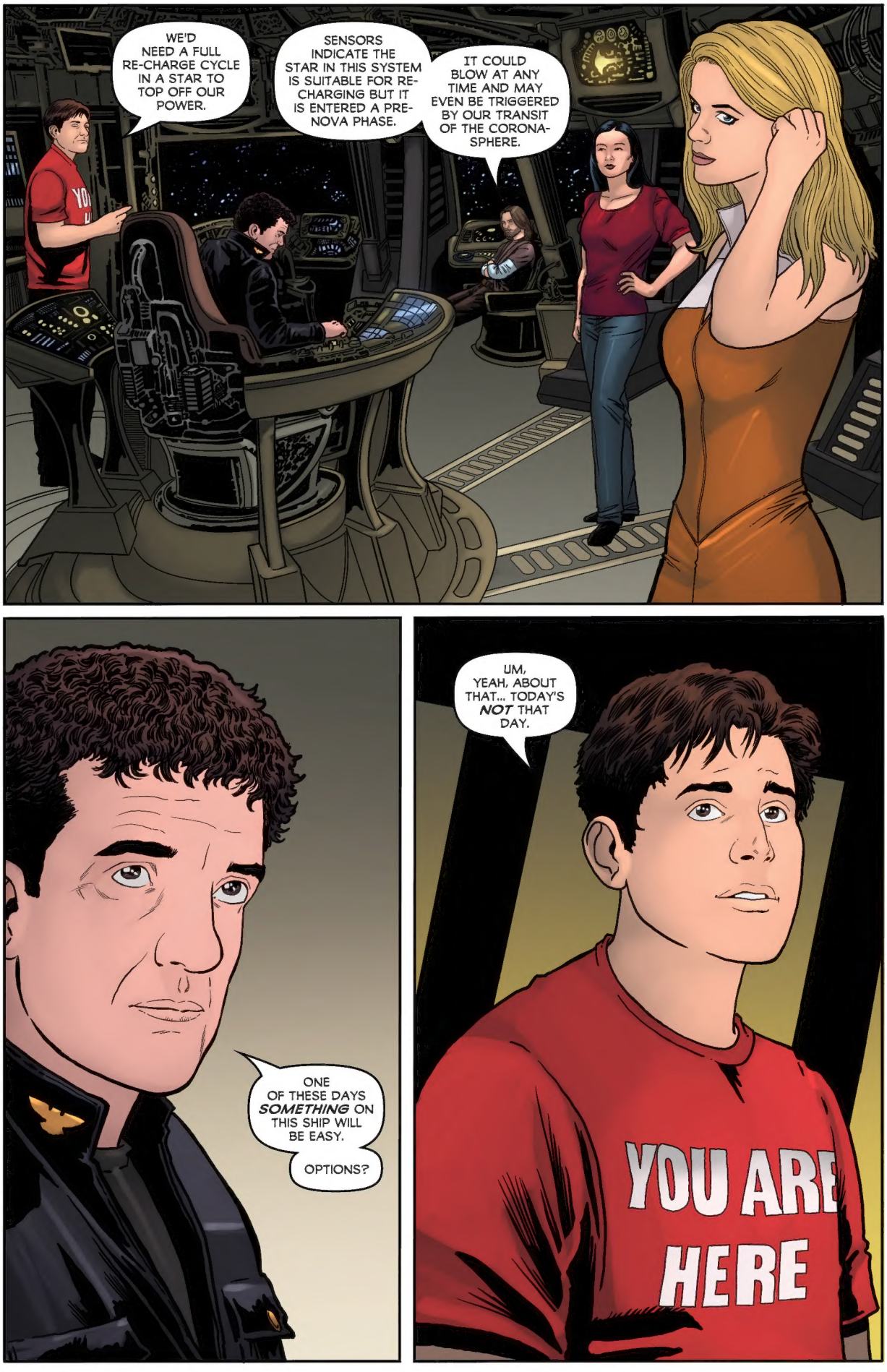
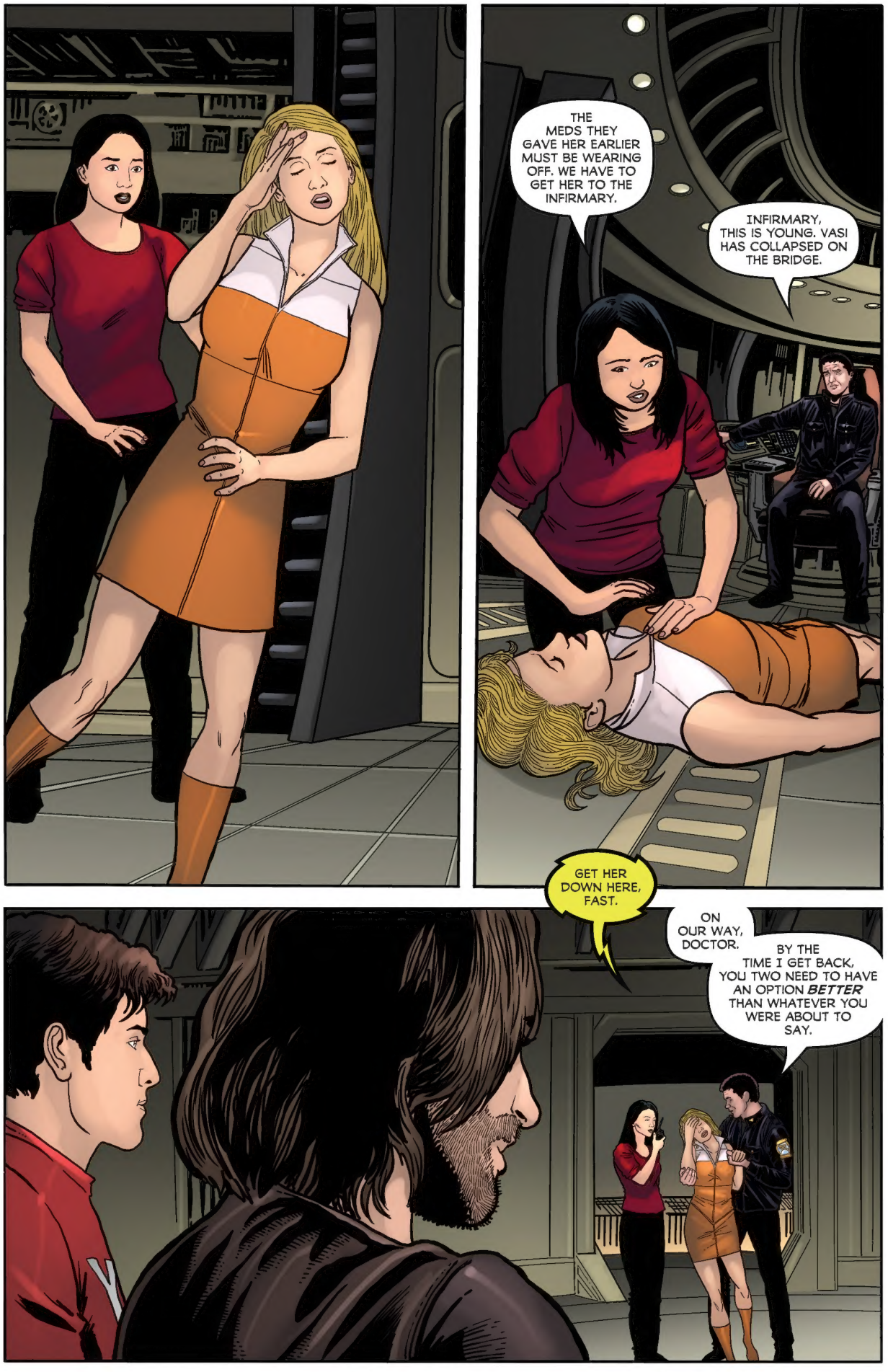



HEY, LIEUTENANT. YOU OKAY?
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH, RIGHT?
BETWEEN THE KELP WE'VE HARVESTED AND THE FEW PLANTS WE FOUND ON LAND, WE SHOULD BE GOOD TO GO.
OKAY, LET'S GET BACK TO THE GATE. HOPEFULLY, DESTINY WILL BE BACK IN RANGE BY NOW.

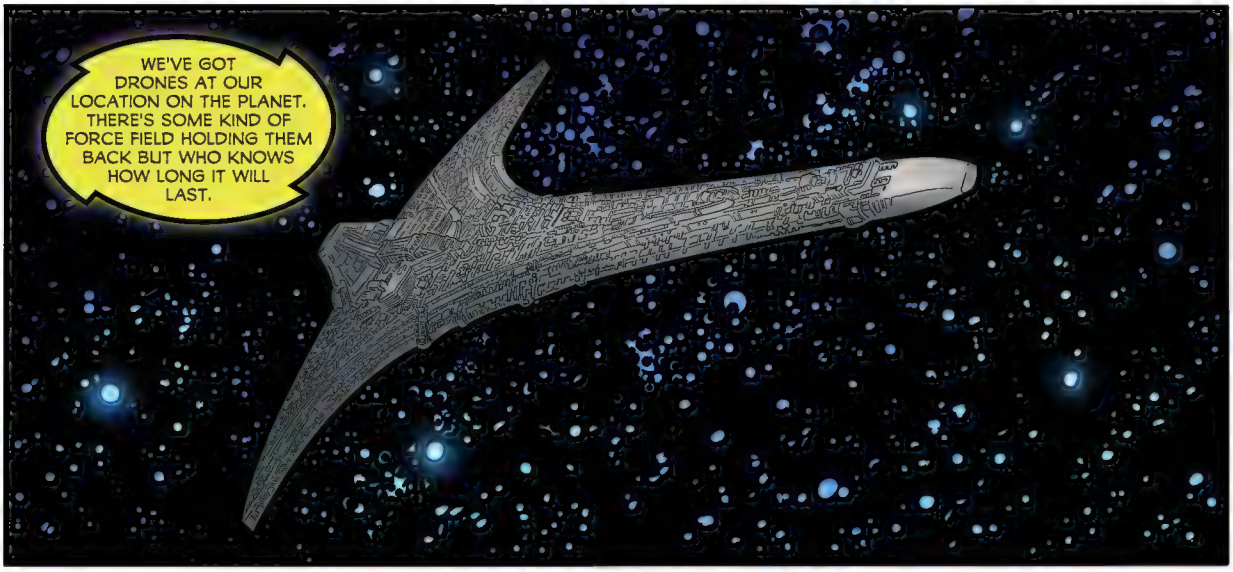
OKAY, RUSH. GIVE ME THE BAD NEWS.
WELL?
WHY WOULD YOU ALWAYS THINK I HAVE BAD NEWS?
TRADITION. WHAT'VE YOU GOT?
REPAIRS TO THE *MAJOR SYSTEMS* ARE COMPLETE BUT EVEN WITH VASI'S HELP AND MORE OF THE SHIP ONLINE THAN EVER BEFORE, WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET.
EVEN WITH THE AUXILIARY REACTORS ONLINE, WE STILL LACK *SUFFICIENT RESERVES* TO GO INTO BATTLE WITH FULL POWER TO BOTH SHIELDS *AND* WEAPONS.


WE'D NEED A FULL RE-CHARGE CYCLE IN A STAR TO TOP OFF OUR POWER.
SENSORS INDICATE THE STAR IN THIS SYSTEM IS SUITABLE FOR RE-CHARGING BUT IT IS ENTERED A PRE-NOVA PHASE.
IT COULD BLOW AT ANY TIME AND MAY EVEN BE TRIGGERED BY OUR TRANSIT OF THE CORONA-SPHERE.
ONE OF THESE DAYS *SOMETHING* ON THIS SHIP WILL BE EASY.
OPTIONS?
UM, YEAH, ABOUT THAT... TODAY'S *NOT* THAT DAY.
YOU ARE HERE


THE MEDS THEY GAVE HER EARLIER MUST BE WEARING OFF. WE HAVE TO GET HER TO THE INFIRMARY.
INFIRMARY, THIS IS YOUNG. VASI HAS COLLAPSED ON THE BRIDGE.
GET HER DOWN HERE, FAST.
ON OUR WAY, DOCTOR.
BY THE TIME I GET BACK, YOU TWO NEED TO HAVE AN OPTION BETTER THAN WHATEVER YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY.

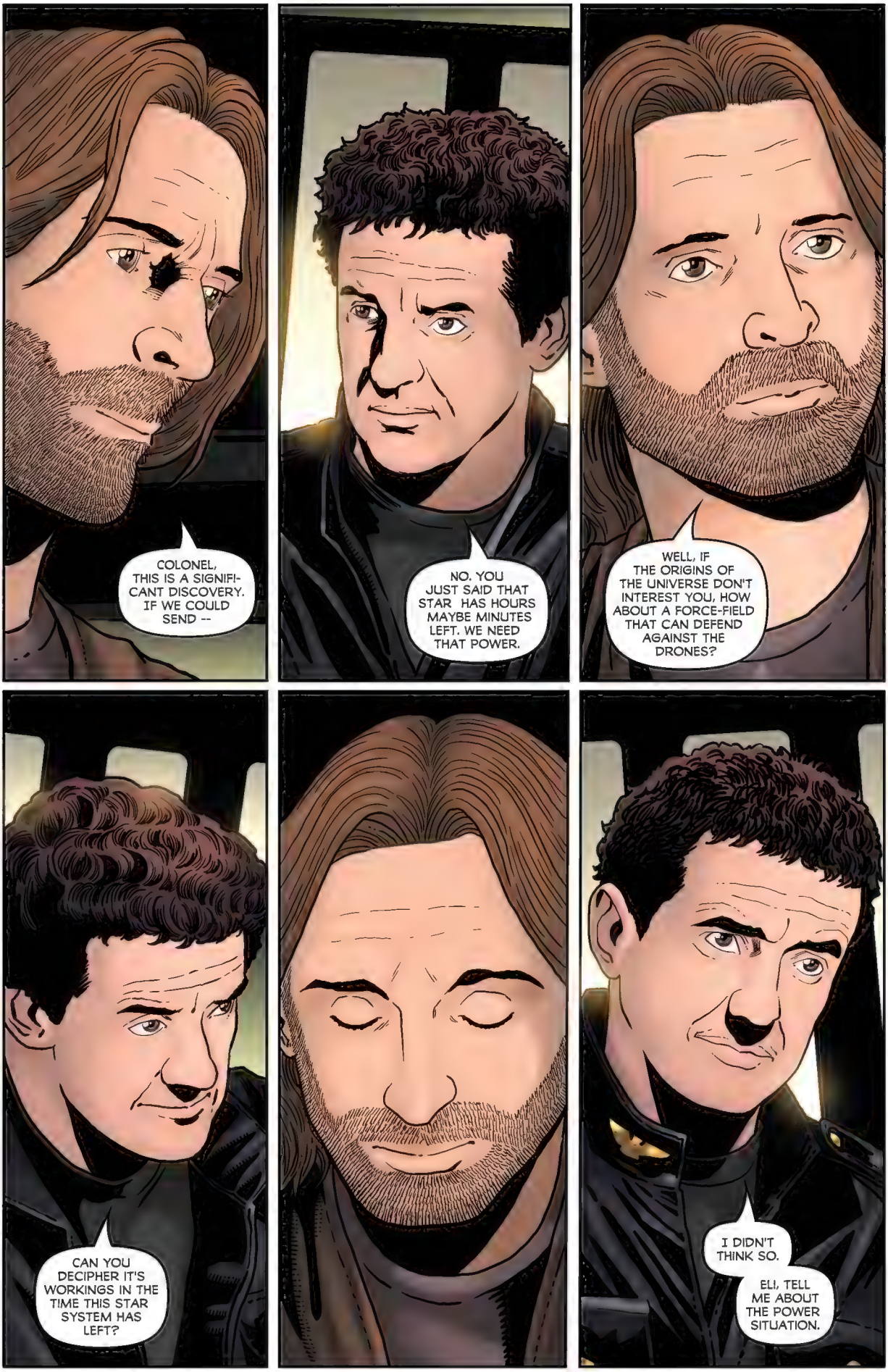
OKAY, GUYS, STAND READY.
DESTINY, THIS IS SCOTT. COME IN, PLEASE.
WHOOSH!
WHOOSH!
WHOOSH!
LIEUTENANT! WE GOT INCOMING!

IT'S GOTTA BE THAT OBELISK THAT'S DOING IT.
OR AN EVEN HIGHER POWER BUT WHY QUESTION IT, JUST BE GRATEFUL.
DESTINY TO SCOTT, COME IN.
DESTINY, THIS IS SCOTT. WE'RE READY TO DIAL THE GATE AND --
HOLD YOUR POSITION, LIEUTENANT.
SKZZ!
SKZZ!
BA-WHOOM!
I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT, SIR...


WE'VE GOT DRONES AT OUR LOCATION ON THE PLANET. THERE'S SOME KIND OF FORCE FIELD HOLDING THEM BACK BUT WHO KNOWS HOW LONG IT WILL LAST.

I'M SORRY, LIEUTENANT, THIS IS DOCTOR RUSH. DID YOU SAY FORCE FIELD? COMING FROM WHERE?

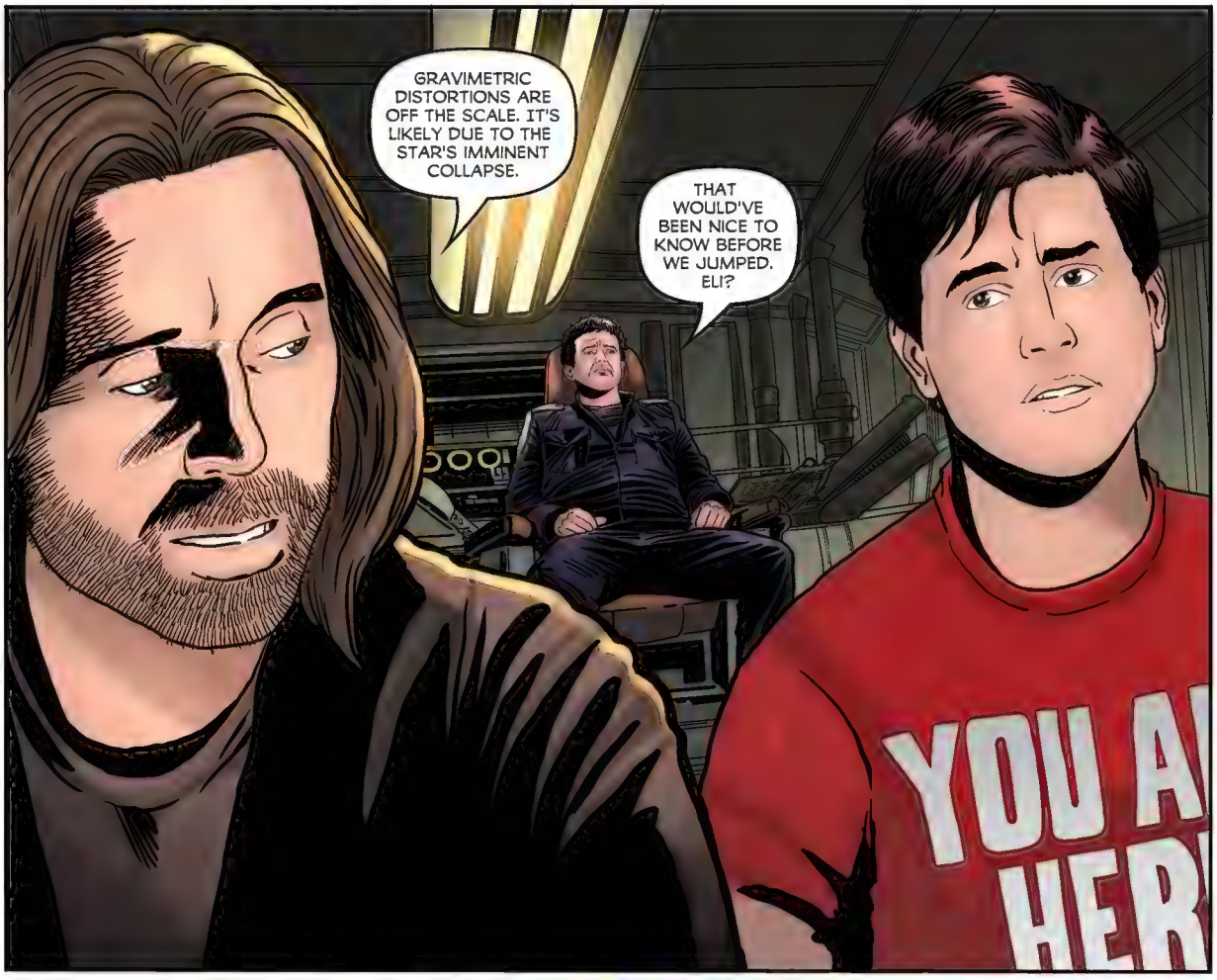
YOU'D PROBABLY BE BETTER AT ANSWERING THAT THAN I WOULD, RUSH. THERE'S AN OBELISK HERE LIKE THE ONE WE SAW ON EDEN. I'M GUESSING THAT'S WHAT'S GENERATING IT.

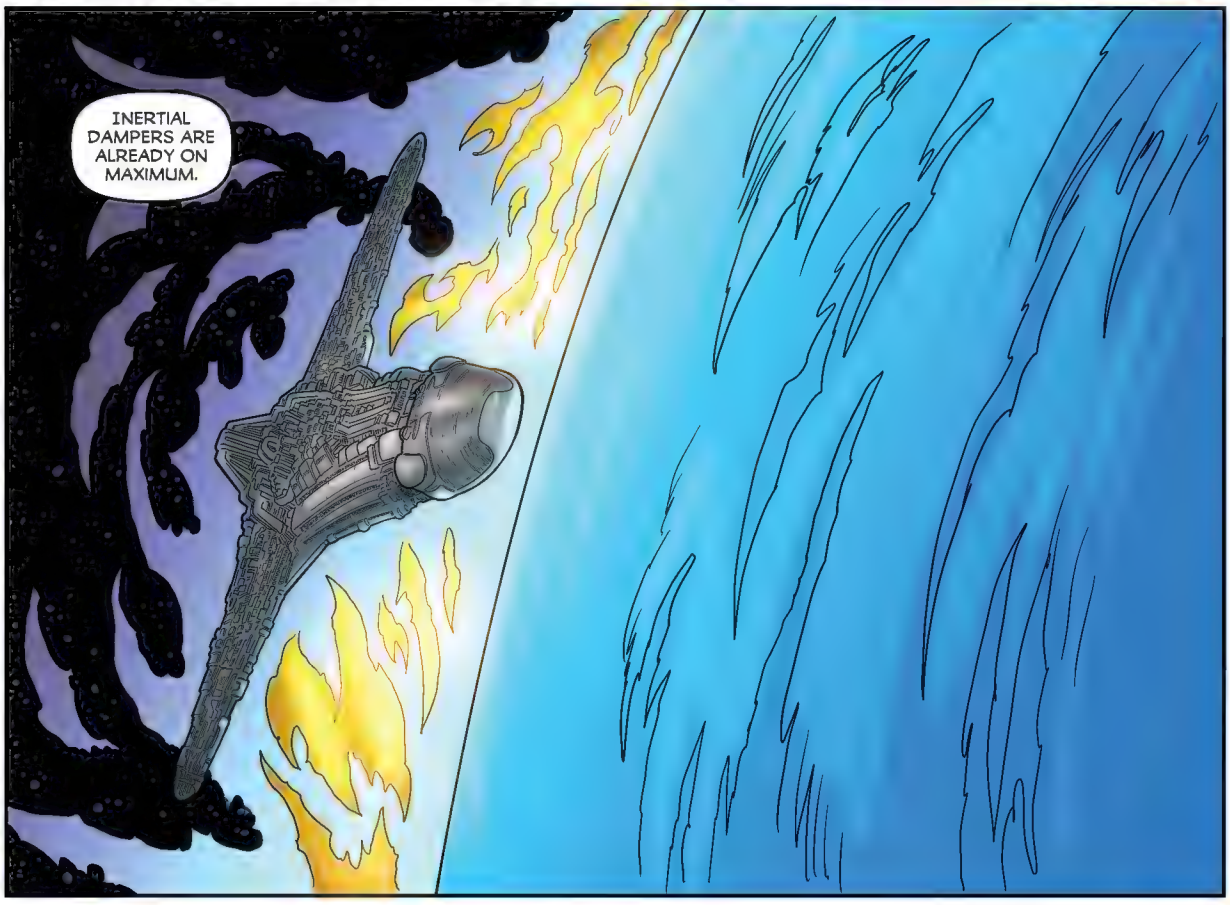

COLONEL, THIS IS A SIGNIFI-CANT DISCOVERY. IF WE COULD SEND --
NO. YOU JUST SAID THAT STAR HAS HOURS MAYBE MINUTES LEFT. WE NEED THAT POWER.
WELL, IF THE ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE DON'T INTEREST YOU, HOW ABOUT A FORCE-FIELD THAT CAN DEFEND AGAINST THE DRONES?
CAN YOU DECIPHER IT'S WORKINGS IN THE TIME THIS STAR SYSTEM HAS LEFT?
I DIDN'T THINK SO.
ELI, TELL ME ABOUT THE POWER SITUATION.

WE'VE BEEN OVER IT AGAIN, COLONEL, AND THE ONLY OPTION WE HAVE IS TO TRY AN FTL JUMP DIRECTLY INTO THE STAR'S CORONA.
HAVE YOU BOTH LOST YOUR MINDS?
IT'S THE SLOW APPROACH THAT LETS THE SHIELD COMPENSATE FOR INCREASING HEAT AND RADIATION.
JUMPING IN COULD BE SUICIDE.
YOU ARE
WE CAN'T POWER BOTH WEAPONS AND SHIELDS DURING A LONG APPROACH THROUGH THE DRONES...
LOOK, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. WE CAN'T DEFEND THE SHIP WITH THE POWER WE HAVE! THE STAR WILL HOLD AND PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM THE DRONES WHILE WE GET IT! THE CALCULATIONS ARE SOLID.
THEY'VE EVEN BEEN CONFIRMED BY YOUR NEW FRIEND VASI, COLONEL.

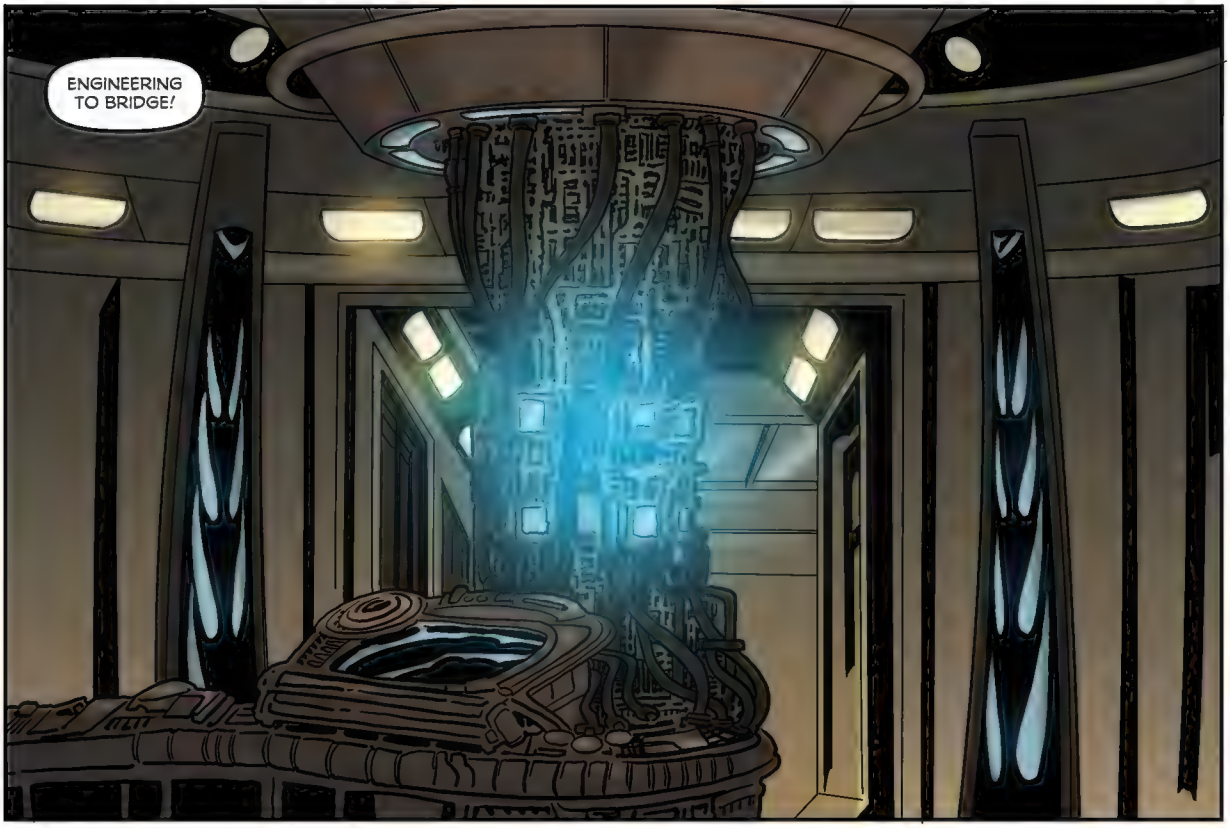
LATER...
THE COLLECTORS ARE ALL OPERATING AT PEAK EFFICIENCY.
HMMMMMMM!
MAKE THE FTL JUMP.
AND GOOD LUCK TO US ALL.

KZZZZ...
KZZZZ...
KZZZZ...
KZZZZ...
RUSH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU ARE HERE


GRAVIMETRIC DISTORTIONS ARE OFF THE SCALE. IT'S LIKELY DUE TO THE STAR'S IMMINENT COLLAPSE.
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE TO KNOW BEFORE WE JUMPED. ELI?

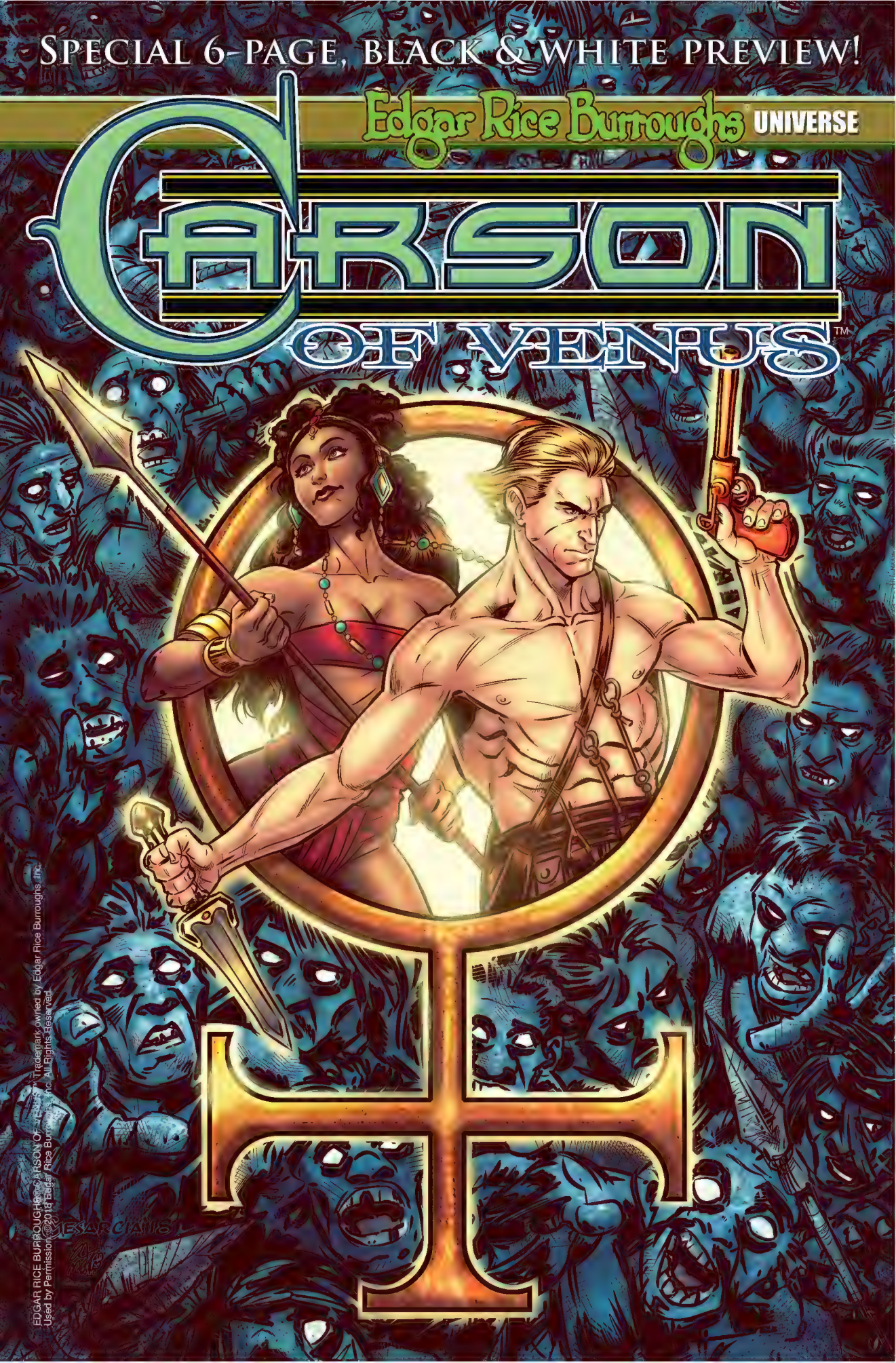

INERTIAL DAMPERS ARE ALREADY ON MAXIMUM.

WHOA!
MAKE SURE THOSE RESTRAINTS ARE SECURE!


ENGINEERING TO BRIDGE!

IT'S WORKING! APPROACHING FULL POWER!

THANK YOU, MISTER VOLKER.
RUSH, DIAL UP THE SHIELD TO FULL STRENGTH AND BRING ALL WEAPONS BATTERIES ON LINE.
CAMILLE, GET DOWN TO THE GATE ROOM AND BE READY FOR OUR PEOPLE.
ELI, SET COURSE FOR THE PLANET AND ENGAGE AT FULL SUBLIGHT.
YOU A
LET'S GO GET 'EM.
TO BE CONCLUDED!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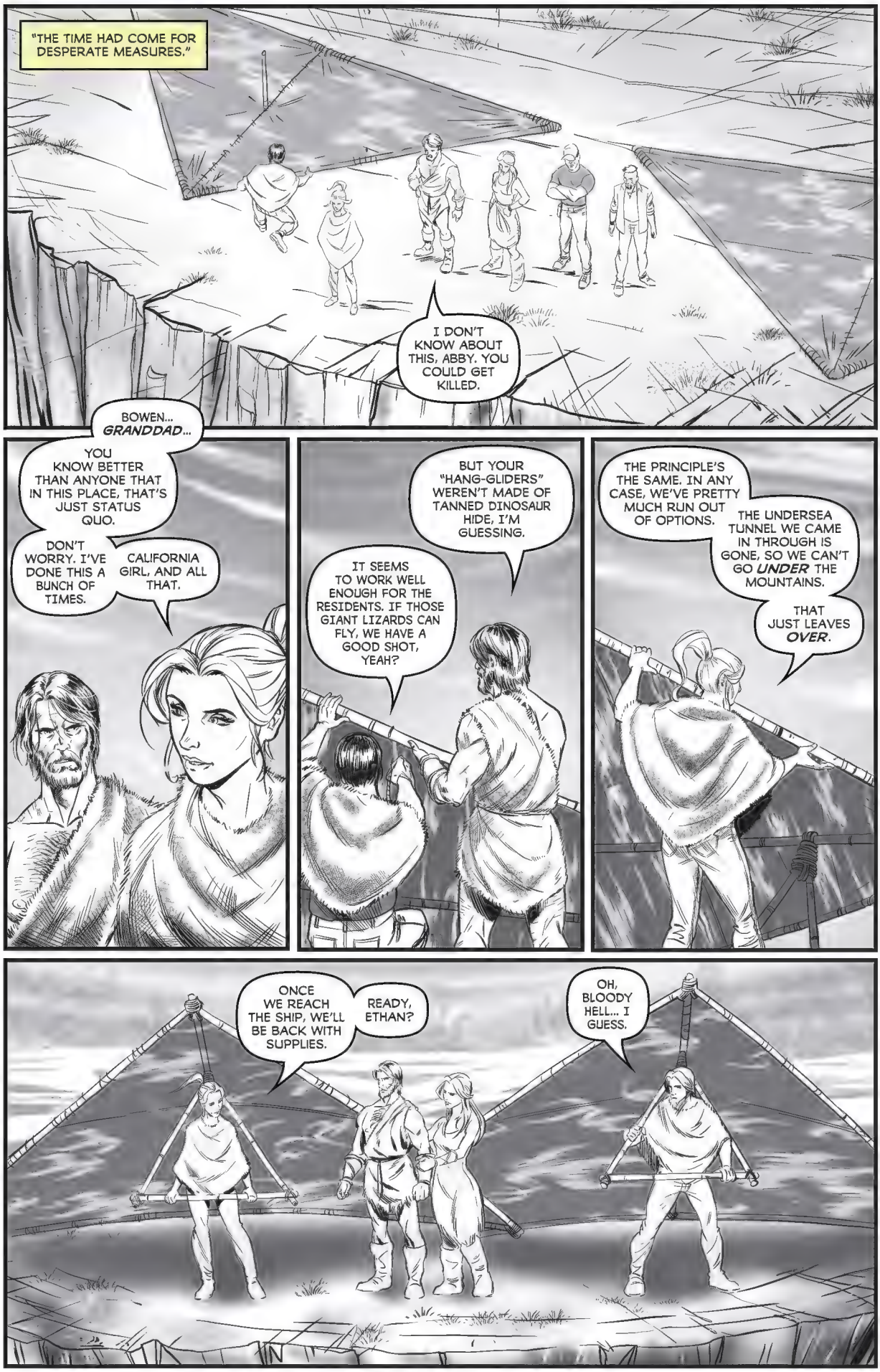
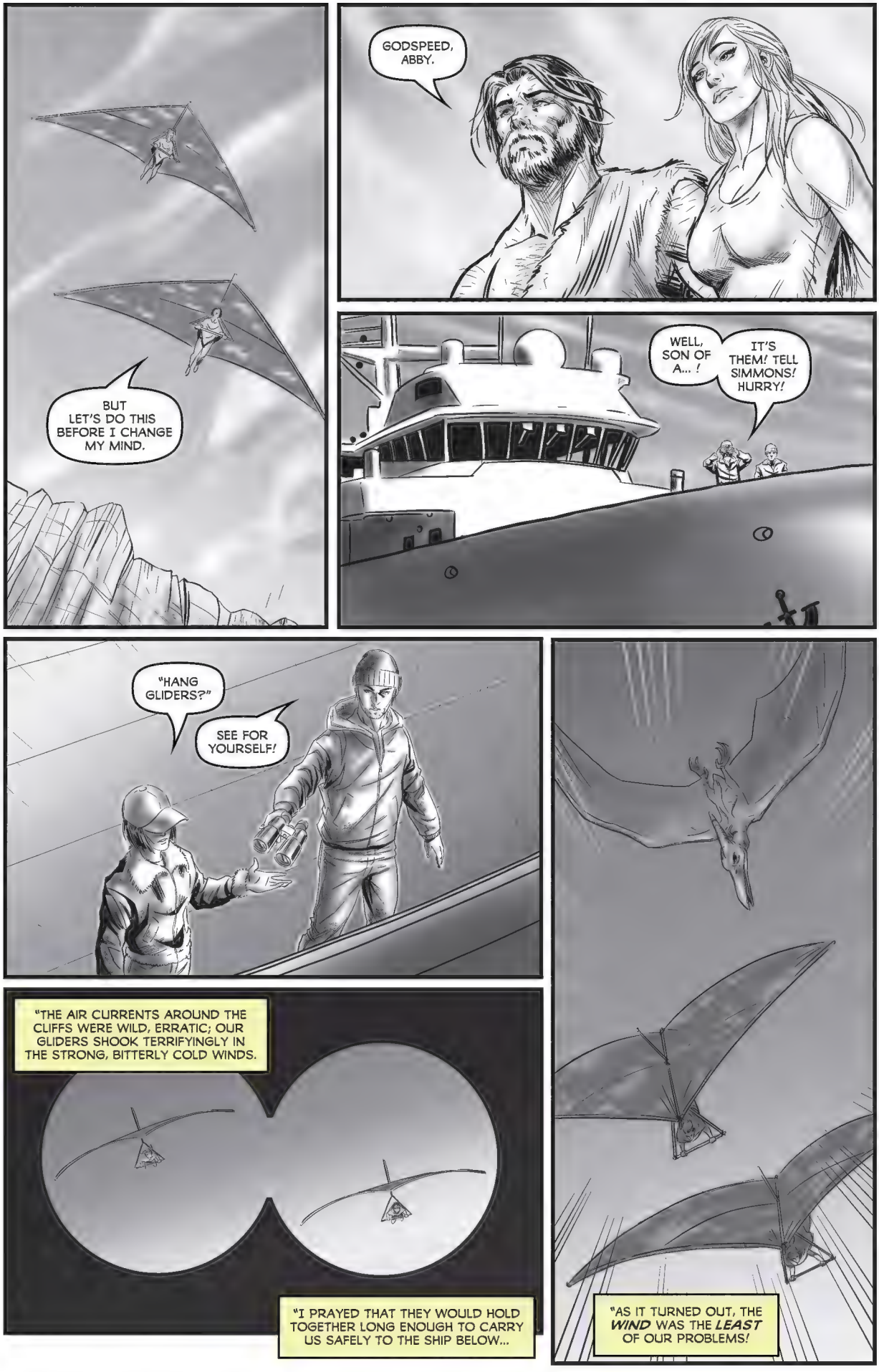
"A ***CENTURY*** LATER, I FOUND IT AGAIN.

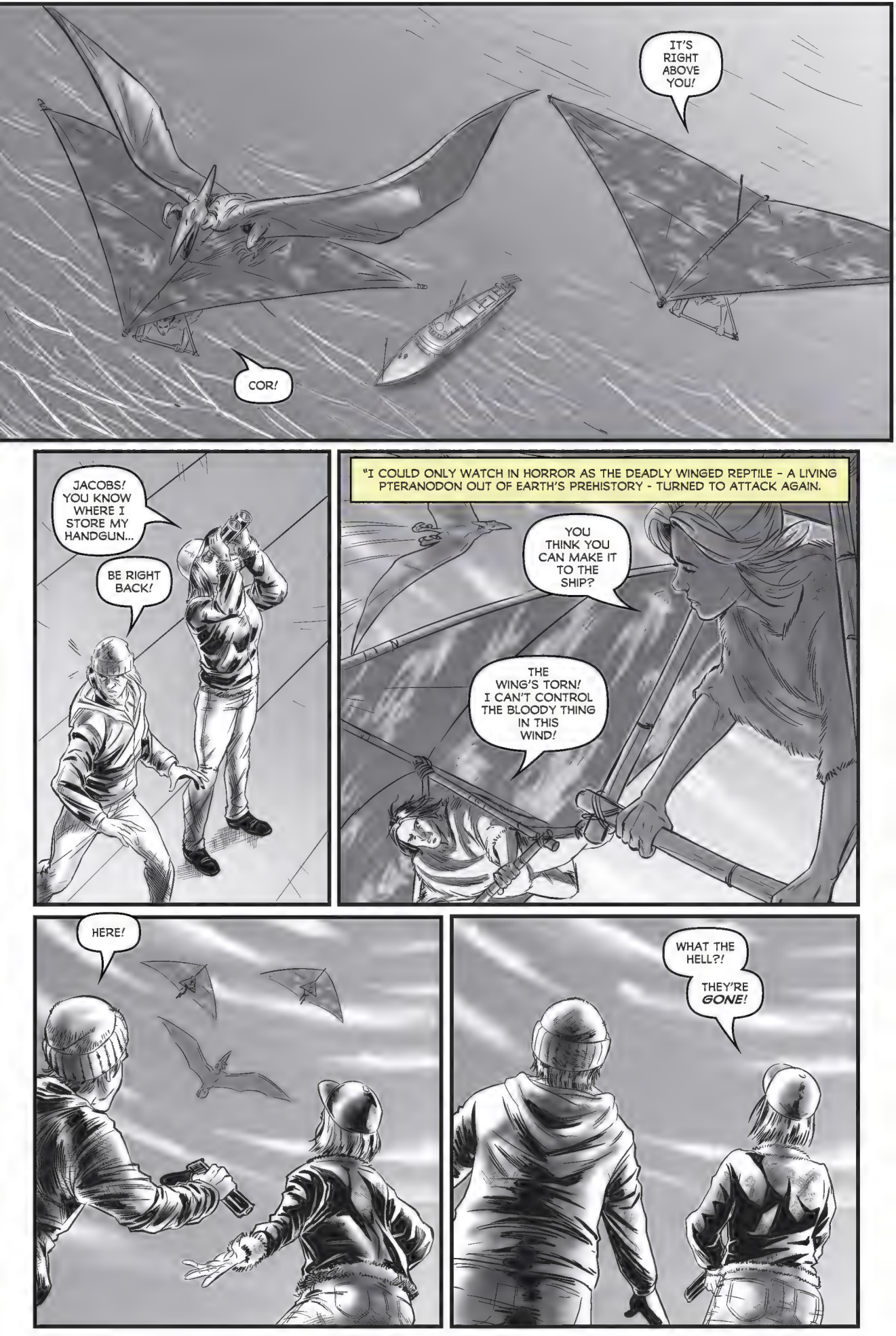
"MY NAME IS ABIGAIL TYLER. AND ***THIS*** IS CAPRONA - OR, AS ITS INHABITANTS KNOW IT - ***CASPAK***. THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT.

"FOR WEEKS, MY COMPANIONS AND I HAD BEEN STRANDED HERE, UNABLE TO PIERCE THE 300 METER-HIGH WALL OF STONE THAT RINGS THE PRIMEVAL ISLAND CONTINENT AND RETURN TO OUR SHIP, THE CROWN PRINCE NOBS.

"ITS CREW- MY FRIENDS- HAD NO IDEA IF WE WERE DEAD OR ALIVE. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER THEY WOULD REMAIN WAITING OFFSHORE IF WE DIDN'T CONTACT THEM SOON.


"THE TIME HAD COME FOR DESPERATE MEASURES."
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS, ABBY. YOU COULD GET KILLED.
BOWEN... GRANDDAD...
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT IN THIS PLACE, THAT'S JUST STATUS QUO.
DON'T WORRY. I'VE DONE THIS A BUNCH OF TIMES.
CALIFORNIA GIRL, AND ALL THAT.
BUT YOUR "HANG-GLIDERS" WEREN'T MADE OF TANNED DINOSAUR HIDE, I'M GUESSING.
IT SEEMS TO WORK WELL ENOUGH FOR THE RESIDENTS. IF THOSE GIANT LIZARDS CAN FLY, WE HAVE A GOOD SHOT, YEAH?
THE PRINCIPLE'S THE SAME. IN ANY CASE, WE'VE PRETTY MUCH RUN OUT OF OPTIONS.
THE UNDERSEA TUNNEL WE CAME IN THROUGH IS GONE, SO WE CAN'T GO UNDER THE MOUNTAINS.
THAT JUST LEAVES OVER.
ONCE WE REACH THE SHIP, WE'LL BE BACK WITH SUPPLIES.
READY, ETHAN?
OH, BLOODY HELL... I GUESS.


BUT LET'S DO THIS BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.
GODSPEED, ABBY.
WELL, SON OF A... !
IT'S THEM! TELL SIMMONS! HURRY!
"HANG GLIDERS?"
SEE FOR YOURSELF!
"THE AIR CURRENTS AROUND THE CLIFFS WERE WILD, ERRATIC; OUR GLIDERS SHOOK TERRIFYINGLY IN THE STRONG, BITTERLY COLD WINDS.
"I PRAYED THAT THEY WOULD HOLD TOGETHER LONG ENOUGH TO CARRY US SAFELY TO THE SHIP BELOW...
"AS IT TURNED OUT, THE *WIND* WAS THE *LEAST* OF OUR PROBLEMS!


IT'S RIGHT ABOVE YOU!
COR!
JACOBS! YOU KNOW WHERE I STORE MY HANDGUN...
BE RIGHT BACK!
"I COULD ONLY WATCH IN HORROR AS THE DEADLY WINGED REPTILE - A LIVING PTERANODON OUT OF EARTH'S PREHISTORY - TURNED TO ATTACK AGAIN.
YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE SHIP?
THE WING'S TORN! I CAN'T CONTROL THE BLOODY THING IN THIS WIND!
HERE!
WHAT THE HELL?!
THEY'RE GONE!

"MY NAME IS CARSON NAPIER, LATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE PLANET EARTH. SOME YEARS AGO, I SET OUT IN A SPACESHIP OF MY OWN DESIGN FOR THE PLANET MARS.
"I ENDED UP ON *VENUS*, OR *AMTOR*, AS ITS NATIVES CALL IT.
"'WRONG-WAY CARSON' – THAT'S ME.
"SINCE MY ARRIVAL ON CLOUD-SHROUDED AMTOR, I'VE *BEEN* MANY THINGS: A HUNTER, AN EXPLORER, A TEACHER, A WARRIOR, A FLIER, A PIRATE, AND A *PRINCE*!
"BUT, IN MY MANY ADVENTURES ON THIS AMAZING WORLD, ONLY ONE THING HAS REMAINED A CONSTANT: MY BELOVED, THE BEAUTIFUL *DUARE*, PRINCESS OF VEPAJA, KEEPS GETTING *KIDNAPPED*!
"AT MY SIDE THAT DAY WAS ERO SHAN, WARRIOR OF HAVATOO, MY FRIEND AND COMRADE-IN-ARMS. HE TOO HAD THE MISFORTUNE OF LOVING A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN PRONE TO ABDUCTION – HIS MATE, NALTE.
"BOTH WOMEN HAD BEEN STOLEN AWAY BY THE SINISTER SCIENTIST AND SELF-STYLED KING OF MOROV, *SKOR*.
"IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME WE HAD ENCOUNTERED HIM, BUT I WAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE THE *LAST*.
"FOR THREE DAYS WE'D BEEN TRACKING SKOR'S PARTY OF SOLDIERS AND HIS PACK OF KAZARS – SORT OF THE AMTORAN VERSION OF HUNTING DOGS – WHEN WE HEARD AN UNMISTAKABLE CRY OF DISTRESS..."
WATCH OUT!
DUARE?!

GIVE ME YOUR HAND, ETHAN!
THAT'S *ENGLISH*!
"IT WASN'T DUARE OR NALTE WHO HAD CRIED OUT, BUT A WOMAN WHO SPOKE ENGLISH - AND AS FAR AS I KNEW, I WAS THE ONLY ONE ON AMTOR FAMILIAR WITH THAT EARTHLY TONGUE.
"TWO STRANGERS HAD BEEN TREED BY A TRIO OF *THARBANS*, VICIOUS PREDATORS NOT TOO DIFFERENT FROM THE BIG CATS THAT ROAM THE AFRICAN VELDT BACK HOME. SAVAGE, VORACIOUS MAN-EATERS.
THOSE AREN'T SABRE-TOOTHS...
AND I'VE NEVER SEEN LEAVES AND TREES THIS COLOR ON CASPAK.
I DON'T THINK THAT STUPID PORTAL THREW US BACK ON THE ISLAND.
OH, GOD... THIS IS SO NOT RIGHT.
ZAARH!

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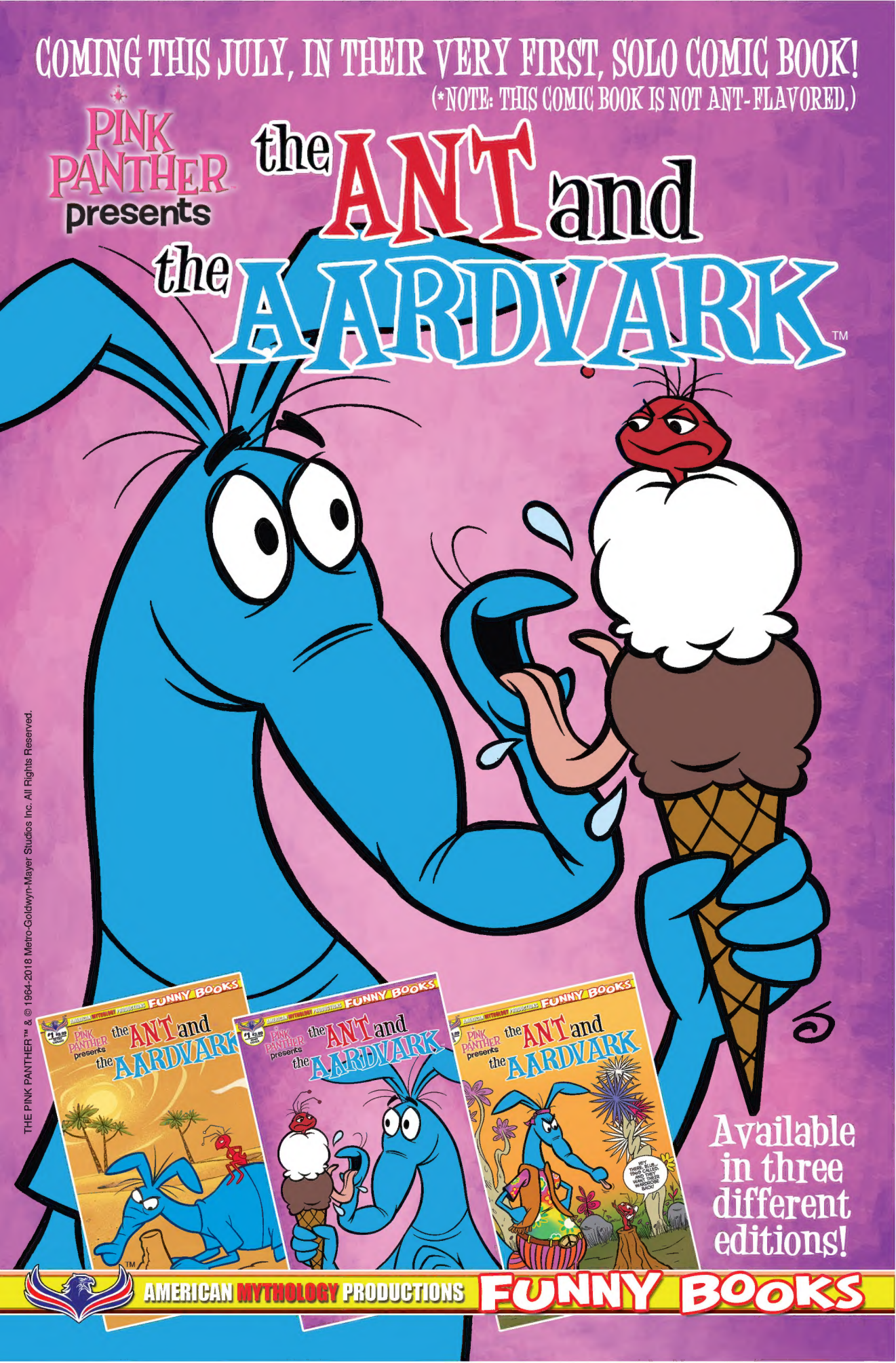

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